

of 123d street, both attached to that office, were the witnesses.

The following is the will:

**TEXT OF THE WILL.**  
I, Russell Sage, of the city and State of New York, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First—I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently can be done.

Second—I give and bequeath to my sister, Fanny Chapin, wife of Samuel Chapin, of Oneida, New York, should she survive me, the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

Third—I give and bequeath to each and every of my nephews and nieces of my own blood, the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, and in the event that any of such nephews or nieces shall have died before me, leaving a lawful issue who is surviving, then I give and bequeath a like sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars to the surviving issue of each nephew or niece so dying before me, the same to be distributed among such issue share and share alike per stirpes and not per capita.

Fourth—All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever situated, of which I may be seized or possessed, or to which I may be entitled at the time of my decease, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Marcella Olivia Sage, to have and to hold the same to her absolutely and forever.

Fifth—This provision for my wife is to be in lieu of all right of dower in my estate.

Sixth—I authorize and empower my executors, hereinafter named, and the survivors or survivor of them, to sell and dispose of all or any of the real estate of which I shall be seized or possessed at public or private sale, at such time and in such manner as they shall deem meet and proper, to execute, acknowledge and deliver all proper writings, deeds of conveyance and transfers thereof.

Seventh—Should any of the gifts and bequests made by me in the second and third paragraphs of this will lapse or fail for any reason, I direct that the bequests so lapsing or failing shall go to and be distributed among the residuary estate of the persons above named and in accordance with the provisions of the fourth paragraph of this will.

Eighth—I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Marcella Olivia Sage, of New York, the city of New York, Almeda Goodwin of said city, and Charles W. Osborne, long my confidential and trusted assistant, and the survivors and survivor of them, executors and administrators of this my last will and testament.

Ninth—I hereby authorize and direct my said executors to execute and carry out the transaction of the business of my estate, and to employ and pay out of the funds of my estate all the clerks and bookkeepers that may be necessary for the proper care and management thereof.

Tenth—I hereby revoke all former or other wills and testamentary dispositions by me at any time heretofore made.

Eleventh—Should any of the beneficiaries under this will die before the death of the testator, or in any way directly or indirectly contest or aid in contesting the same or any of the provisions thereof, or the distribution of my estate thereunder, then and in such event, I further direct that none of the persons above named as executors shall be required to give any bond or security for the proper discharge of their duties.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at No. 2 Wall street, New York city, Borough of Manhattan, this eleventh day of February, 1901, in the presence of Edward Townsend and Richard W. Freedman, whom I have requested to become attesting witnesses hereto.

**RUSSELL SAGE, [L. S.]**  
The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sealed, published and declared by Russell Sage as his last will and testament, and in the presence of each of us, and we at the same time at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names and residences as attesting witnesses this eleventh day of February, 1901.

**EDWARD TOWNSEND, 130 West 121st street, New York.**  
**R. W. FREEDMAN, 32 West 123d street, New York city.**

In the petition accompanying the will asking that it be admitted to probate it is stated that the executors do not know of any codicil to the will, and there is no answer to the best of their information and belief.

The petition then states that the petitioners are informed that "the said Russell Sage had four brothers and two sisters, all of whom are dead and whose names were: Henry Sage, Sally Sage, Fanny Chapin, Elisha M. Sage, Eliza W. Sage and William C. Sage."

"Your petitioners are informed and believe," it says, "that there are no descendants now living of said Henry Sage, nor of said Sally Sage."

**THE NEPHEWS AND NIECES.**  
The petition then states that Fanny Chapin had twelve children, two of whom died without leaving issue. It gives the names and places of residence of the ten surviving children of Fanny Chapin as follows: Samuel Chapin, Earl Chapin, Dwight Chapin, Angeline Lytle, Helen Chapin, Jane Chapin Munroe, Frank Chapin, Homer Chapin, Fremont Chapin and Taylor Chapin. All of these live in Oneida, N. Y., except Earl Chapin, who, according to affidavits of Mr. Osborne, has removed from Oneida to Milwaukee.

Elisha M. Sage, the petition says, had six children, of whom three died without issue. Two of the other children of Elisha M. Sage are living. They are Charles R. Sage of Troy and Martha Martiatte of 822 Columbus avenue, this city. The other child of Elisha M. Sage, Alfreda Lucknow, died, leaving three children now living, who are Carrie, Joseph and John. Leonard, N. Y., Alfreda Bibby of Boyne City, Mich., and Grace B. Tarosian of Troy, Clara Conrad, a fourth child of this niece, died leaving one child, Edson Conrad, who lives in Watervliet, N. Y. He comes in for a proportionate share of his mother's \$25,000 with his three aunts, each getting \$2,500.

The petition says that Eliza W. Sage was married twice, leaving as the issue of his first wife the following children, all now living: Mary Jane Wagnall, Tansvort, Ark.; Emily Chadwick, Odell, Ill.; Leni Schumaker, Crute, Ill.; and Eliza W. Sage, Channahon, Ill. By the second wife he leaves four children entitled to inherit \$25,000 apiece under the will, another child dying without issue. The four children by the second wife, the petition says, are: Helen S. Holbrook, Park Ridge, Ill.; Fannie Criesler, Park Ridge, Ill.; Harriet Davis Channahon, Ill.; and Olin Sage, Channahon, Ill.

The last of the brothers and sisters, William C. Sage, the petition states, had five children, all of whom are living. They are: James H. Sage, Troy; Albert H. Sage, Troy; Sarah M. Gardner, Troy; Julia Baxter, Ottawa, Canada, and Mary Elizabeth Ott, of 82 Waverly place, this city.

The petition sets forth that the value of the personal estate is "\$20,000,000 or more" and the real estate at "\$1,000,000 or more." It also sets forth that of this property Margaret Olivia Sage, the widow, receives "\$10,350,000 or more of the personal estate, and \$1,000,000 or more of the real estate."

The section setting forth the value of

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the various legacies is sworn to by Dr. John P. Munn, one of the executors. It is also set forth that the other names or parts of the names of the heirs and next of kin "cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by petitioners."

"That petitioners believe all heirs are of full age and petitioners have no information that any are of unsound mind."

"That said decedent left him surviving no child or children, no adopted child or children, no issue of any deceased adopted child or children, no father or mother, no brother or sister of the half or the whole blood."

"That your petitioners are informed and believe that said Sage left him surviving no issue of any deceased brother or sister, no uncle or aunt and no issue of any deceased uncle or aunt, except as above stated."

"That your petitioners pray for an order directing the service of citations upon the persons herein mentioned living without the State, according to sections 2522 and 2523 of the Code of Civil Procedure."

It is the intention of Charles A. Gardner and Henry W. de Forest to appear before the Surrogate this morning and ask that there citations be issued. This will probably be done at once.

**CROWD TO SEE THE WILL FILED.**

The will was filed at 1:17 P. M. Mr. Gardner and Dr. De Forest walked into the room on the ground floor, filled with desks, and made for the little desk in the corner, behind which Clerk Washburn was sitting. He has been his duty to receive the last wills and testaments of many New Yorkers in the past. Following Mr. Gardner was Mr. Osborne, whose white hair made him conspicuous in the crowd that pressed in on all sides. Mr. Gardner held a bunch of copies of the will in his hands. All the morning the office had been filled with a crowd waiting for the document. There was a rush for Mr. Gardner and, big as he is, he was almost overwhelmed by importunate persons who sought to drag the copies almost from his hands.

Such a hubbub was set up that people heard it outside in the park. There was a rush of dozens of persons to the window to view the spectacle. They saw through the open window a big lawyer and an old man with snow white hair fighting in the middle of a crowd. Mr. Osborne handed the will and one copy to Mr. Washburn. Then the lawyers began giving out copies of the will to almost any one who came along. Most of them were reporters. There was a brigade of camera men there to further accentuate the departure from the ordinary scene in the office. They wanted to take pictures of the will and pictures of the person offering the will.

As soon as the will had been filed Mr. Gardner hastened upstairs and had a talk with Surrogate Thomas. It was said to be in regard to the application for the order of admission to probate. Mr. De Forest beat a retreat very quickly after the formality was over. He went immediately to his country place at Cold Spring Harbor. Mr. Osborne, Mr. Sage's old confidential man, sat down in a chair near Mr. Washburn's desk and remained there for more than an hour watching the excited crowd. While he sat there somebody asked him if the executors knew of any other will.

"There is no other will we know of," he said.

**FORMER WILL SUPERSEDED.**

It is said that the will that was filed superseded the one that Mr. Sage made many years ago. He gave in that will, it is understood, to his wife what would legally fall to her if he had died intestate—that is, one-third of the income of the estate and one-half of the personal property. The rest would have been divided among the kin, which would have meant over \$1,000,000 for each of them. But this will was superseded by the one filed yesterday, made, it is believed, when Mr. Sage decided that his wife's charities should have his support, and that his fortune should go to her to be distributed as she should see fit.

**GROUND OF A POSSIBLE CONTEST.**

The contest which it is understood may be made will undoubtedly be on the ground that Mr. Sage five years ago was not competent to make a will. Mr. Freeman, one of the witnesses, refused to discuss Mr. Sage's condition when he signed the will. It was learned, however, that he had to be helped into the office and was feeble, but apparently of perfectly sound mind. One lawyer scouted the idea that it could be shown that his mind was not perfectly sound. An hour or so after the will was filed Lawyer A. Wells Stump of 26 Broadway, who says he represents most of the heirs named in the will, hurried to Mr. Gardner's office. He was closeted with Mr. Gardner there for some time. It was learned that he had gone there to make some inquiries, but that he had given definite notice that there would be a contest, was denied. Legally such a notice cannot be given until after the citations are issued.

Mr. Stump, who had said the day before that if his clients were not mentioned he would make a sensational contest, said yesterday that he would have to see the heirs and talk it over before announcing what would be done. He said also that he had seen the clause by which he would forfeit his share if he contested. He said that he would meet some of the heirs tomorrow. Senator Brackett, it has been intimated, has been retained by an heir in Troy. If a contest is made he will probably make the fight. Mr. Stump estimated that the cost of a contest would be from

\$12,000 to \$20,000. When asked how much of a stake would be in it, he said, significantly:

"We have an idea that the estate is worth \$100,000,000, although it has been mentioned as being worth from \$75,000,000 to \$90,000,000. Should we succeed in breaking the will, then I think that each of my clients would get from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000."

It was said definitely by one lawyer yesterday that there would be a contest. To make such a contest the heirs could agree that one should make the fight, and if that one should lose they would make up the \$25,000 forfeited. It was pointed out that this sacrifice was so small that a contest would not mean as much as it might ordinarily and increased the chances of a contest.

As regards the clause making forfeiture the penalty of a contest, one of the lawyers said:

"This clause is well and carefully drawn, and is a good law. It has been upheld by the highest court in this State."

It was declared that the question whether a contest would be made would be decided after Senator Brackett, Mr. Stump and some of the heirs meet for a conference.

**TROY RELATIVES SATISFIED.**

**Little Likelihood That Any Thought of Will Be Entertained.**

Troy, N. Y., July 27.—Although the legacies left to the Troy relatives of Russell Sage do not quite measure up to their hopes, most of them are willing to take what has been given and will make no contest. Charles L. Sage, one of the nephews, said to-night through his wife that under no circumstances would he contest the will.

"My husband would not have objected even had the amount been much less than \$25,000," said Mrs. Sage, as we thought we had been well treated for a long time by Uncle Russell. On many occasions he and Mrs. Sage have helped us along, and it certainly would be ingratitude on our part now to make any trouble for that dear old lady. A number of stories have been circulated since Mr. Sage's death concerning a contest by Troy relatives, but I wish to say that the talking has been done by only one man, and he in no way represented us.

Mrs. Sage further stated that even had her husband been out of it without a cent he would not have contested the document. A daughter who was present also praised the dead financier for the kindness he had shown the family on numerous occasions. She said that she had been ill lately, and it was only last week that Mrs. Sage had remembered her with a check to carry her through her sickness.

Mrs. Charles H. Sage, a niece, who was a daughter of the late William Sage, declined to say anything further than that she would enter no objection to the provisions of the will. Albert H. Sage, another nephew, could not be found, but it was said for him that he would not make any objection to the probate.

Still another nephew, James H. Sage, is in New York, having gone there to get the first news of the contents of the will. If there should be any contest it is thought it will come from him, for upon the death of Mr. Sage it was reported he had consulted with Senator Brackett of Saratoga. The best lawyers here consider the will unbreakable, and it is not believed Senator Brackett will advise to the contrary.

ALBANY, July 27.—State Comptroller Wilson says that no steps have yet been taken toward securing payment of the inheritance tax upon the estate of the late Russell Sage. The estate has until eighteen months after the death of the testator to make the payment. The inheritance tax, it is expected, will amount to only about \$800,000. It was expected that the State would receive nearly \$3,000,000 if the reports that Mrs. Sage would receive only one-half of the estate had been true.

SARATOGA, July 27.—Senator Edgar T. Brackett on being interviewed this afternoon in regard to the Russell Sage will said:

"I cannot tell what course will be taken on behalf of my clients. The provision for the several nephews and nieces can hardly be considered munificent in view of the fortune of the testator, but you can hardly expect me to announce publicly in advance what will be done. Advertising one's plans is not wise. I can say no more now."

**CAUGHT SHOVLING THE QUEER.**

**Cripple Who Swindled Jersey City Storekeepers Put Up Fight to Captor.**

Harry Mooney, 25 years old, a one-legged man, who said he lives at 124 West 116th street, this city, and Charles T. Graham, 22 years old, of 170 West 47th street, went along Grove street, Jersey City, last night in search of change for ten dollar bills of the Merchants and Planters' Bank, State of Georgia. They succeeded in passing a bill on Frank E. Jaeger, a baker, at 330 Grove street, and another on Bertha Porius, a storekeeper, at 445 Grove street, getting in return good currency.

The attention of Roundman Langan of the Third precinct, who was off duty, was called to the bill-changers and he traced them to Henderson and Mercer streets opposite the City Hall, where he introduced himself as a cop. Mooney, the cripple, pulled a \$10 bill out of his pocket and began to chew it. Then he struck Langan with his crutch and the men rolled over the City Hall lawn.

The roundman choked the cripple into submission and hid him apart until what remained of the bill. The rough-and-tumble fight on the lawn was witnessed by Roundman Ramsey of the City Hall station and he ordered out the reserves. Mooney and Graham were looked up charged with passing counterfeit money.

**Best Shot at the Last West Point Competition.**

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Second Lieut. Walter D. Smith, Eleventh Cavalry, one of the instructors at the Military Academy, was the best shot at the last competition at the academy, with a percentage of 78.3. The best rifle shot was Virgil L. Peterson, a member of the third class, whose score was 78.3. Seven other members of the faculty and student body qualified as expert riflemen. They were Capt. Ira C. Welborn, Ninth Infantry, percentage 75.3; third class cadet Blaine A. Dixon, 75.3; Capt. Arthur Thayer, Third Cavalry, 71.67; first class cadet Charles B. Gatewood, 71.67; First Lieut. Herman Glade, Sixth Infantry, 70.07; and first class cadet Robert N. Campbell, 69.33.

## 'MRS. HARTJE' LETTER FORGED

**HUSBAND'S STAR WITNESS ADMITS SUBSTITUTION.**

Sue Wagner, on Stand Four Times, Tells Under Cross-Examination How Letter From Former Mistress Was Rewritten With Compromising Additions.

PITTSBURGH, July 27.—Sue Wagner, a star witness for the libellant in the Hartje divorce case, went on the stand once too often.

Three times she has been on for Hartje and has told damaging stories. Each time she has stood a terrific cross-examination and Hartje's counsel smiled.

To-day they put her on for the fourth time to rebut some minor point made by one of Mrs. Hartje's witnesses. Just when no person was expecting it the girl's tongue got loose and she told an entirely new story—one that threw the libellant's case into the air.

Among the many letters offered in evidence is one from Mrs. Hartje to the Wagner girl, asking her to come and live with her mother, Mrs. John P. Scott, telling her she has parted from her husband and offering her a home for life; and one sentence reads: "I want you to be on my side."

The letter was identified as her own by Mrs. Hartje, after a mere glance at the writing. It was slipped in among six others she had written, and these seven were admitted as standards. Then the libellant sprung forth a letter, dated 1905, from Mrs. Hartje to her mother, which she said she had written to her mother, the coachman. She denied writing them and the battle of experts began.

Mrs. Hartje's expert, by careful examination, discovered an exhibit number six, as the letter to Sue Wagner is known, to be a forgery so cleverly made that Mrs. Hartje herself was deceived when she glanced at it. Mrs. Hartje was recalled to the stand and retraced her testimony concerning it and declared that she never wrote the sentence in question.

Over this the battle has raged. Three times the Wagner girl has been on the stand and has told about this letter having been sent to her when she was in Europe, and turned it over to Edward G. Hartje, brother of the libellant, who has directed his case.

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## CUT IN BRITISH NAVAL PLANS.

**Admiralty Pays Heed to Reduction of Armament Ideas.**

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
LONDON, July 27.—The Government's new naval policy was announced in the House of Commons to-day by the Right Hon. Edmund Robertson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty. He explained that the naval estimates of the Government's predecessors involved an expenditure of \$71,000,000 for new construction. The first plan provided for building this year four vessels of the Dreadnought class, five ocean going destroyers, twelve coastal destroyers and twelve submarines. The Board of Admiralty has now agreed unanimously to reduce the programme to three vessels of the Dreadnought class, two ocean going destroyers, twelve coastal destroyers and eight submarines. It is estimated that this will effect a saving of \$12,500,000.

Mr. Robertson reminded the House that the Hague Conference would meet shortly with the object of promoting an international movement for the reduction of armaments and that the House had unanimously called upon the Government to further this movement. These things had been present in the minds of the Government and the Admiralty. The Government, therefore, proposed to lay down in 1907-08 two instead of four armored ships with the proviso that three should be laid down should the Hague Conference prove abortive. The amount to be taken for new armored ships in 1907-08 would be limited to a small sum, which prevents their commencement until late in the financial year. This would emphasize at the Hague the good intent of the British Government and its desire to bring about a reduction of armaments.

Mr. J. A. Balfour said he did not think the Hague Conference was likely to be influenced by British good faith in the matter of disarmament while the nation boasted of a striking force of 250,000 men for service abroad and a fleet fully equal to the fleets of any other two Powers.

**SIGHTED UNDAUL WRECK AFIRE.**

**The Cymric Reports Bark From Which the New York Rescued the Crew.**

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**

LONDON, July 27.—The White Star Line steamship Cymric, which arrived at Liverpool to-day, reported passing on July 21, in lat. 40° 43' N. long. 53° 29' W., a vessel on fire. She altered her course and passed close to the burning ship, which was a three-master of about 1,000 tons, with a crew of 25 men and the figurehead of a man. She was completely gutted.

The vessel sighted by the Cymric was undoubtedly the Norwegian bark Undaul, the crew of which was taken off by the steamship New York on July 20, after which she was set on fire and abandoned.

**Fresno Copper Co. Shareholders to Stick.**

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**

GLASGOW, July 27.—A much excited meeting of the shareholders in the Fresno Copper Company was held to-day. It was proposed to prosecute Vercoe, the manager of the company, who, it was charged, had disappeared. It was finally decided to send out a Glasgow mining expert to California to examine the company's property and report, as it was considered that it would be foolish to abandon the mine on the view of one expert alone, who had declared the property of little value. The chairman said he was the largest shareholder and he had not sold a single share.

**Agnews Get the Alexander Young Collection.**

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**

LONDON, July 27.—The Agnews have acquired the Alexander Young collection, which contains fifty pictures by Corot and many by Daubigny, Troyon, Mauve and Manet. The collection was valued recently by experts at over \$2,500,000. In accordance with the wishes of Mr. Young, special conditions will be made to facilitate the acquisition by the nation of specimens of the modern Dutch schools.

**Hamburg Liners Quit Dover Temporarily.**

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**

LONDON, July 27.—The Exchange Telegraph Company says that, owing to the present state of the harbor works at Dover, the improvements are being made, the Hamburg-American Steamship Company hereafter will despatch its New York vessels via Southampton, instead of Dover, beginning August 1.

It was announced here yesterday that, beginning with the sailing of the Kaiserin Augusta steamer on August 2, all west-bound steamers leaving Hamburg on Thursdays will call at Southampton.

The steamers of the Pennsylvania type will call at Plymouth and Boulogne after August 4.